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PRESS RELEASE: City closes facilities to the public to prevent the spread of COVID-19

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Today, the City of Fort Atkinson made the difficult decision to restrict access to most City facilities based upon best practice recommendations related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. This includes the Police and Fire Stations, Library, Senior Center, Youth Center, Park & Rec, Museum and DPW facilities which are now closed to the public. The City Hall lobby will remain open however; access to all other areas of City Hall will be restricted. All non-essential programming and activities at the Senior Center, Youth Center, Park & Recreation and Library are also suspended.

This decision is based on evidence of increasing transmission of COVID-19, scientific evidence regarding the most effective approaches to slow the transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically, and best practices as currently known and available to protect vulnerable members of the public from avoidable risk of serious illness or death resulting from exposure to COVID-19.

The City of Fort Atkinson is committed to protecting your health and safety. We are continuing to monitor the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and are following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to ensure our community is prepared with the appropriate plan to detect, protect and respond should anyone in our community contract or be exposed to this virus.

This policy will reduce the likelihood that many people will be exposed to COVID-19 at a single location, and will thereby slow the spread of COVID-19 within the community. Although most people who contract COVID-19 do not become seriously ill, people with mild symptoms and asymptomatic people with COVID-19 may place other vulnerable members of the public at significant risk.

Finally, we ask that if you are not feeling well that you do not come to City Hall or other City facilities. Instead follow CDC guidance and contact your primary care physician by phone.

This action has been taken to reduce the possibility of transmitting illness and to protect our employees from potential exposure. During this time employees will still be working and will be available by phone or email to conduct City business and provide City services. All essential services such as Utilities, Police, Fire and EMS will continue to function with slight modifications and increased use of protective clothing and equipment.

Employees working at City facilities can be reached by contacting the phone or email addresses listed on the City website.

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